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Editorial



Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to be including features and highlights of the International Council Meeting (ICM) in this issue which took place in Karachi in October after a lapse of over 25 years. Holding of the ICM is considered an honour by whoever bids and comes out winning when the selection of the venue is put to vote by the members of ESU. ESU Pakistan owes it to the persistent effort of its Patron-in-Chief, Aziz Memon who has been at it for the last few years and finally succeeded

in getting Karachi chosen as the venue for the year 2022. Coincidentally, it is the year when Pakistan is also celebrating the diamond jubilee of its Independence.

While succeeding in getting the vote is desirable but to make it successful is a formidable task as it involves logistics of enormous nature. Thanks to the members of ESUP who came forward with unrepresented enthusiasm in accepting the challenge and organizing it in a manner which was acknowledged as one of the best attended. **"I couldn't think of a better place or forum to end my 2-year term as President than at the ICM in Karachi"** mentioned the outgoing President of the International Council of ESU, Jonathan Callund in his message on return. Similar were messages received from other foreign delegates who attended the two-day ICM event in Karachi and made it a point to write back their impressions. I have included some of these for the information of our members and friends.

By the way, our own Patron in Chief, Mr. Aziz Memon was elected as a successor to Jonathan Callund as the next President of the International Council of ESU.

Congratulations Sir!

You will come across information on other activities of the ESUP during the last quarter of 2022 but in view of ICM taking prominence, major part of this newsletter is devoted to it with writeups and plenty of images which speak volumes about who all attended and what all happened in the two-day event.

HAPPY READING!!

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Message from

Aziz Memon

Patron-in-Chief, English Speaking Union of Pakistan
President, International Council English Speaking Union



It is a pleasure to have the ICM in Pakistan. We submitted the bid first time in Lisbon, then in St. Petersburg and third time in London and finally we got an opportunity to organize it in Pakistan. The ICM is regarded as the main annual meeting of the ESU where legislations are made, and key policy decisions are taken. In Karachi several important matters were discussed in the presence of delegates from various chapters. Constitutional guidelines were taken into consideration and several amendments were made to strengthen the ESU International leadership. It was a challenge to host this event but with the team's support, we were able to do a great job. We had the international delegates present with us and the remaining delegates were on Zoom. We got a lot of appreciation, the highlights of the event you will be reading in this Newsletter. I want to thank each and every member of my team and we hope that ESU of Pakistan will continue progressing the same way.

One other important initiative was to introduce Oracy Skill -Speaking and listening Skill - to enable students to develop their own ideas, discover their voice, and have the confidence and opportunity to speak up. My added responsibility as President of the International Council of the English Speaking Union, I look forward to greater achievements of ESUP.

I feel it will go a long way to bring about harmony in the working between various chapters with ESU International.

Message from
Kalim Farooqui
President, English Speaking Union of Pakistan



I'm delighted to mention about ICM which turned out to be a signature event for ESUP after a lapse of 25 years. While our Patron-in-Chief, Aziz Memon, had been trying for some time for Karachi to be the event venue and we did get very close when we lost the vote to St. Petersburg by a small margin. Some of the delay is partly due to situation prevailing in Pakistan but mostly due to the last three years with Covid standing in the way. Even this year when we were planning, Covid was not out of the way and to top our fears, came the unprecedented floods in Pakistan. Again we were having a second thought. However, majority of our NCEC members prevailed and we went ahead with the plan.

Honestly speaking the event turned out to be much beyond our expectations. I'm grateful to the participants, both who participated physically and to those from far and wide appearing on the zoom link despite the time difference standing in the way. Events were meticulously programmed to ensure time utilization in a meaningful and purposeful manner. While the two days were dedicated for the ICM meeting, evening programs were chalked out to ensure relaxation and enjoyment. The ensuing pages will provide details for you all on each of it which I'm sure will make an interesting read. My message would not be complete if I did not make a special mention about all our members who each, in their own way made substantial contribution towards the success of the ICM.

The climax of the ICM event was our own Aziz Memon being elected as the President International Council of ESU.

CONGRATULATIONS Mr. Aziz Memon!!!



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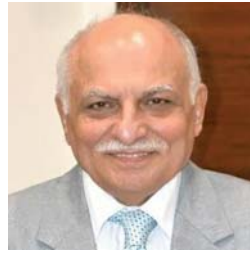
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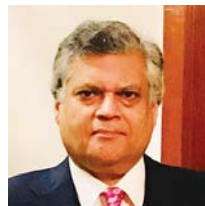
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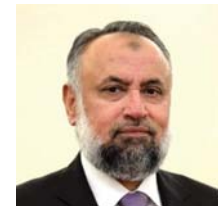
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Former President, International Council of ESU Message

I couldn't think of a better place or forum to end my 2-year term as President than at the ICM in Karachi. I am also thrilled to see Aziz, who has supported me closely these last few years, acclaimed my successor at the end of our meeting. It was Aziz and his wonderful ESUP team who made us welcome and doted on our every need. Regardless of the hour of arrival, everyone was met in person at the airport and whisked through the formalities and on to our down-town hotel. Quite a logistical feat and display of dedication on the part of ESUPs directors and staff.

As has been the ICM tradition, our visit to Karachi was a wonderful blend of social, cultural and work activities. Every evening we were treated to amazing food and hospitality, whether at a top sea-front restaurant, or at an exclusive and traditional clubs – I recall we went to two! – KARACHI BOAT CLUB and the colonial SIND CLUB. Then there was the dinner on the lawn at the Deputy High Commissioner's home, with an exquisite display of traditional dancing by the national icon Sheema Kirmani. We even had a cultural day, visiting the Quaid's home and resting place, gaining insights into the country's history and art.

We had productive working sessions over two full days, together with over 40 ESUP directors and members present, including the chairs and representatives from the Lahore and Islamabad branches - all participating and displaying their dedication and interest in the development of ESU! The logistics and online connections just worked. Despite our concerns over the non-trivial time differences, adjustments were made to our program and those who could not be with us were all able to join us via Zoom and shared their news and views, participating actively in our agenda. Many thanks to the operations team for having made this so easy.

One of the many takeaways from my visit was the way Aziz - and his dedicated board - have been able to ensure the active commitment of corporate sponsors. These were present and are the life-blood for ESUPs charitable and English-language activities. Likewise, I'd like to celebrate the ROTARY's proximity and involvement with ESUP, which is yet another example of how ESU might develop around the world.

Outside of ESU, I am also indebted to Aziz for having introduced me to the PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE and created the opportunity to talk about my new book to the PICG members at a special event at BEACH LUXURY HOTEL. What a wonderful experience that was and it has already opened many doors and the chance – hopefully - that I can get back to Karachi early in the new year.

Many, many thanks to Aziz and his wonderful team at ESUP and here's wishing you all every success in the years to come!

Jonathan Callund

Former President, International Council of ESU

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Message from Miles Young Chair, ESU International



Nothing saddened me more in the year than not being able to return to Pakistan, a country I love, for the International Council Meeting. I have heard how successful it was, helping signal powerfully a return to a more normal world where the skills of oracy will be ever more needed.

Message from Barbara Firth Director, Aspirational Education Associates



I was delighted to be the ESU UK and the Commonwealth Board representative at this wonderful event.

ESU Karachi were generous and warm hosts, providing excellent facilities for both the formal meetings and a rich cultural programme. This included meeting the Deputy Head of Mission, Martin Dawson, at the British Deputy High Commission and the First Lady of Pakistan at the superb Sind Club. The cultural programme gave delegates an insight into Pakistan's culture and modern history. In doing so it removed any negative external perceptions of Pakistan and left one with a positive and warm feeling about the country and its' people.

Memorable highlights include the wonderful dance performance at the High Commissioner's residence; meeting and being welcomed by local families in the parks and evening venues and experiencing everywhere where we went the most delicious local cuisine.

In summary I am very proud and glad I made the journey and look forward to supporting the new President and his team to help grow and harness the work of the ESU's International Community. There is much goodwill to be built upon which will help to ensure that the vision of Sir Evelyn Wrench continues to impact positively on international relations and education across the world.

Director, Aspirational Education Associates
School Improvement Advisor
NACE London Regional Associate and Lead Assessor
Certified Transformational Coach

Message from Jane Easton Secretary-General ESU International Council Director-General ESU of the Commonwealth



The 2022 International Council meeting in Karachi was a real highlight of the ESU year, bringing together international members for discussions on the ESU vision, educational policy and the growth of the ESU network. The event was hosted by ESU Pakistan in Karachi, and sincere thanks are due for the generosity and warmth of the welcome and hospitality. The ESU in Pakistan was able to model the success that comes through engaging businesses in promoting and funding the ESU vision. All ESUs looked forward to 2023 and greater opportunities for travel, cultural exchange and educational opportunities.



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Message from

Professor James Raven
LittD FBA FSA
Former Chair and current Deputy Chair of the ESU of the Commonwealth Fellow of Magdalene College, University of Cambridge



It was so fitting that ESU Pakistan, with its outstanding record of achievement over so many years in promoting the ideals of the English-Speaking Union, should host the 2022 International Council meeting - the first in person since Covid disruption - and entirely predictable that it should do so with such flair and generosity, not only enabling those attending in Karachi to enjoy a hugely productive and forward-looking meeting but reaching out to embrace those joining in from screens across the globe to reconfirm our commitment to international debate and understanding through the shared use of the English language. Many congratulations and very best wishes.

Message from

Sadaaki Numata
ESU, President Japan



"We are doing our best to keep up with digital communication. I participated in the International Council Meeting of the English-Speaking Union hosted by ESU Karachi in a hybrid format and marveled at the technical expertise of our Pakistani hosts."

Message from

Dr. Karen Blair
Brand ESU-USA
Pennsylvania



I want to continue to help make a difference and stay involved with the ESU International Community Globally. The ICM program in Karachi was wonderful even though I was attending via Zoom. Congratulations again as our new ESU IC President. I look forward to working with you over this next year to help us all bond together and bring PEACE, Goodwill & Global Understanding to our WORLD!!! Cheers.

Message from

Margarita Mudrak
Chairperson, The ESU, St. Petersburg, Russia



It was my honor and pleasure to visit Pakistan with ambassadors of the English Language and participate at the International Council Meeting 2022. Please receive warmest and most sincere congratulations for successful organization of the ESU International Council Meeting! We enjoyed your generous hospitality and perfect coordination of our programme. The ESU Pakistan activities were highly evaluated by all those who wish to develop international cooperation.

Greetings again for being elected International President of the English-Speaking Union. For us you are an exclusive example of a good will messenger and a real internationalist who does everything possible to strengthen people-to-people contacts.

May I say that I appreciated the opportunity to be at such a unique meeting when we networked across the world with the leaders of USUs from all around the World, who summed up their achievements and shared ideas and concerns within our cross-cultural dialogue. It really made us feel like one multinational family.

We here in St. Petersburg have great admiration for the activities of the English-Speaking Union and are confident that we all will continue to enjoy a long and successful association.

Message from

Jagdish Bhain
Director, ESUP Malaysia



Enchanting Pakistan

"Beautiful places are almost alive! When you visit them , you can feel their breaths" This quote by Mehmet Murat Idan aptly describes my feelings of Pakistan.

Pakistan is one of the most intriguing and interesting countries which I have visited in the World. Thanks to ESU Karachi, hosting the International Council Meeting from 27 October 2022 till 30 October 2022, I had the opportunity to visit this beautiful country.

Prior to my visit I was warned that it's not safe to travel to Pakistan. From the time I was greeted at the Karachi Airport by Mr Pervez and Mr Majyd to the time I departed, I felt loved. It felt like home to me - The very warm, sincere hospitality of the people, the glorious food, the fascinating places. Within its mountainous boundaries on one side and its desert dunes on the other, it never stopped to amaze me with its multitude of cultures, colours, ancient heritage and diverse cuisine.

Congratulations to Mr Aziz Memon, Patron-in-chief and his ever efficient team for making my trip an unforgettable one!

Let me leave you with this quote by Alexandra Stoddart :

"When you leave a beautiful place, you carry it with you wherever you go "

Pakistan I shall return !

Message from

Dr. Kamal Monnoo
President, ESU Lahore



Our felicitations to ESU Karachi for organising such a successful global event and also heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Aziz Memon on being unanimously elected as the President of the ESU International Council. All the delegates from ESU Lahore thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality extended by Mr. Memon and his team. The use of technology made the experience of attending the conference exhilarating. We got great insight and many good ideas from the annual reports presented by ESU chapters in other countries. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our hosts in Karachi at the event and wish the family of ESU every success going forward.

Message from

Khalid Malik
President, ESU Islamabad



It was great achievement to hold International meeting in Karachi. It was excellent.

It left a great impression on all the members of ESU all around the world. I was very glad that I was Part of it and I attended and interaction with International President and members from various Countries was fantastic. It gave us lot of hope and encouragement to hold such functions again in Pakistan. I am glad that Karachi ESU was able to hold this function very successfully. I am hoping that Such kind of events will again take place in Pakistan and Pakistani Members of ESU will be able to take Part in events all around the world in ESU whenever ESU hold some function or events Pakistan Members will participate in it and we are hoping to hold an international conference again. This was a success and next meeting will also going to be a great success. It will bring good name to Pakistan and specially to ESU Pakistan. I am glad to give this message and hope this message will go all around and people from all the member countries where ESU exist will be able to understand and Pakistan is doing its bit and specially ESU Islamabad is contributing and try to contribute in future also.



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ESU ICM 2022 held in Karachi after 25 years

Foreign delegates who attended this historic meeting unanimously declared Karachi, which was the venue of English Speaking Union International Council Meeting again after 25 years, as an exciting, peaceful, and a must-visit city.

Forty representatives (40) from ESU Chapters worldwide attended the 2-days ESU ICM 2022 by their physical presence or online along with ESU-Pakistan members from Karachi, Islamabad, and Lahore. The Meeting, as well as side events, were methodically and efficiently organized and managed by a strong Committee chaired by ESUP Patron-in-Chief Aziz Memon who had forcefully and



strenuously lobbied with ESU International Council for the privilege to hold it in Karachi.



The Meeting was chaired by ESU-IC President Jonathan Callund from Chile, and co-chaired by ESU London Director General Jane Easton and ESU-IC Vice President Aziz Memon. On behalf of ESUP, President Kalim Farooqui welcomed the delegates and highlighted the activities, achievements, and plans of ESUP. He added that the presence of foreign delegates, in person and online, boosted the morale of ESUP members and has sent a formidable message globally that Karachi is a City of Peace and that the hospitality and traditional values of Karachi and Sindh are second to none.

Aziz Memon in his keynote address stated that during his tenure as ESUP President and as first Vice President of ESU-IC, he maintained a cordial and interactive relationship with ESU Headquarters as well as his counterparts in other Chapters. He further said that ESUP has taken innovative initiatives to take ESUP to higher plateau with the result that more and more people are applying for membership. He said that despite the Pandemic Crisis, when international travel and events were not possible, he endeavored to be in frequent contact globally.

Jonathan Callund elaborately presented details of ESU-IC activities and exhorted the Chapters to focus on the mandate of ESU and to continue to ensure that the promotion of English language through various means and channels is enhanced. He also emphasized on more collaborative programs and learning from the best practices of other Chapters. He stated that youth must be motivated through International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC) while it is incumbent upon Chapters to navigate youth into the mainstream by using Corporate Social Responsibility and social and mass media.



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Jane Easton in her opening remarks said that her "thanks are due to all who have taken part in ICM 200. Friendship and understanding across the borders allow us to work collaboratively on English speaking activities to benefit young people the world over. Public speaking, debate, dialogue, and confidence help to equip our students for their global futures".

The Meeting extensively dwelt on the ESU Constitution, Guidelines, IPSC, Youth Empowerment, promotion of English language, and the future of ESU, including expansion in number of Chapters and increasing membership in existing Chapters. The in-person and online representatives of different Chapters presented their Country Reports. The delegates paid glowing tributes to ESUP for publishing a special Newsletter on late Queen Elizabeth II and appreciated the efforts of Editor Afshan Lalani.



Jonathan Callund then announced that since his tenure would end, he called for nominations for electing the President of ESU-IC for the next two years tenure. Aziz Memon name was proposed by Mr Asif Chowdhury, Chairman and seconded by Maj. Gen. Jiban Kanai Das (Rtd) Secretary General of ESU Bangladesh. Letters of support for the nomination were received from Margarita Mudrak and Tatiana Emelianova, of ESU St Petersburg, Russia.



Since there was only one nomination, the Meeting unanimously elected Aziz Memon as the President. This is for the first time in the 103 years history of ESU that a Pakistani has been elected to chair the ESU-IC. Jonathan Callund said, **"As my second year of ICM Presidency comes to an end, I am delighted to welcome our new President, Aziz Memon"**. Delegates then took turns to offer their felicitation and reposed their confidence and support to him.

In the closing session, The Meeting accepted the bid by ESU Paris to hold the 2023 ICM in Paris France. This was also approved by the Meeting. The delegates then expressed their final comments and then mementos and souvenirs were presented to delegates by ESUP. The delegates also expressed their admiration for the hard work done by Pervez Madraswala who was the Coordinator of the event and who and his team worked diligently and professionally to make the program a tremendous success and an epitome of excellence. The meeting ended with renewed commitment of cooperation, collaboration, and cordiality.

International Council Meeting - Day 01



Jonathan Callund



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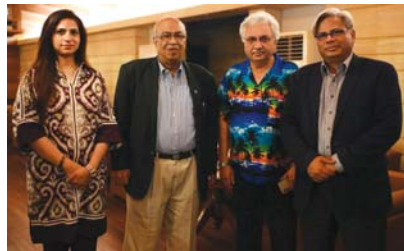
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Welcome dinner hosted by President Kalim Farooqui

A welcome dinner was arranged by President Kalim Farooqui on the eve of the ICM. The venue selected was a private club reminiscent of the times when Karachi was under British rule. Guests were taken around while explaining about the history of the club as also that of Karachi when it was once referred to as Kurrachee, a village sparsely populated then but now the metropolitan along with its suburbs comprises the world's fifth most populated city, spreading over 3,530 square kilometers. Menu selected satisfied all taste buds. It was attended by the members of the NCEC as also arriving international delegates.





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Dinner hosted by Vice President Irfan Qureshi

Kolachi, do darya, is a place where foreigners and locals both love to have dinner while enjoying the cool sea breeze. The place is famous for both the food which is mainly local as also the ambience which is catered more to give a domestic feel by the seaside.



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Dinner at British Deputy High Commission

The British Deputy High Commission opened its doors to ESUP for a cultural program that was held for the visiting delegates. Thanks to the Deputy High Commissioner at Karachi, Martin Dawson who coordinated the logistics and made the evening worthwhile. ESUP's NCEC member Shahzad Sabir opted for Sheema Kirmani for her pioneering contribution to the promotion of culture and theatrical performances in Pakistan and invited her to the event. She is known for her mesmerizing classical dances and a good number of which were performed and were found enthralling, which many present found fascinating. Following the performance, dinner with a large spread of local dishes to match the evening's theme were served.





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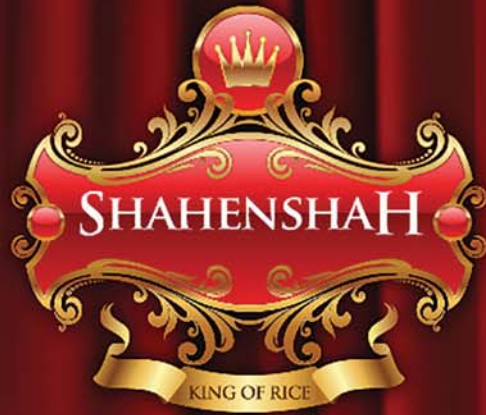


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Dinner hosted by ESUP

A dinner was hosted by ESUP. The venue selected was Port Grand, a cultural hub to give a taste of the Karachi beat with diverse concepts in food, art, leisure, entertainment, adventure, fun and shopping, Dinner with a good mix of assorted dishes was served at the Tavern developed specially to cater to such exclusive occasions. Besides the Tavern stands a Banyan tree estimated to be over 100 years old. Opposite the Tavern is a long stretching food street considered to be the longest in Pakistan. Also to entertain our distinguished delegates, a special skillful fire play was arranged by the natives known for displaying such expertise. Highlight of the dinner was Miles Brown dancing to the tune with them joyfully while displaying the fire show.





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Visit to Flagstaff house

The Quaid-e-Azam House, also known as Flagstaff House, is a house museum dedicated to the personal life of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan. Located in Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan, it was designed by British architect Moses Somake. It was bought by Jinnah in 1943. The building was later acquired in 1985 by the Pakistani government and converted to a museum. Delegates were taken to visit the museum and view the personal belongings possessed by Jinnah at that time.



Several ESUP members individually invited guests for dinners and lunches to further their acquaintance with the visiting delegates.

Dinner at Lal Qila Restaurant hosted by Shahzad Sabir





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Race Course visit hosted by Dr. Farhan Essa





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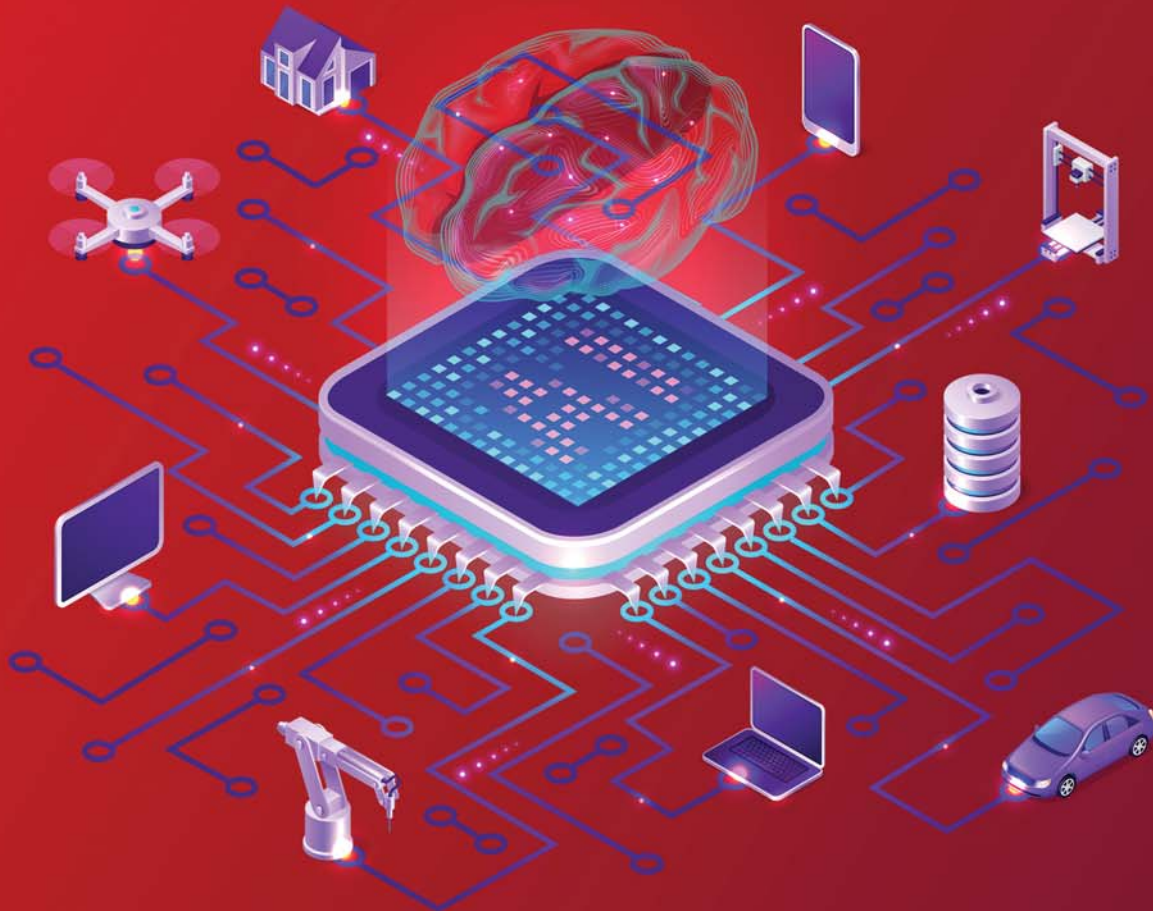


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Pre-launch of RESILIENT FUTURES PAKISTAN INITIATIVE (RFPI)

1. VISION, MISSION, OBJECTIVES

Our Vision

Resilient Futures Pakistan Initiative (RFPI) is a multilateral, multi-disciplinary partnership initiative between Queen Mary, ESUP and the leading universities, education institutes, think tanks, businesses and NGOs in Karachi. Its vision is to translate research and education into lasting social impact for the benefit of Sindh.

Our Mission

RFPI sets out to foster an inclusive partnership between Pakistan and UK academia, civil society, policy and industry leaders to design instrumental solutions for enhancing lives, community development and systems in contexts of uncertainty. RFPI will focus on the key resilience challenges facing Pakistan today, co-creating programmes with Sindh partners for research and its translation into lasting social and policy impacts.

Objectives

- To develop and deliver innovative and impactful interventions for enhancing resilient lives, communities and systems in contexts of uncertainty in Pakistan and in the UK.

- To build sustainable impact partnerships that leverage local and global knowledge and prioritise sustainable solutions.
- To design and deliver research programmes that respond to resilience challenges and inform evidence based policy.
- To build multidisciplinary collaborative research delivery and impact teams to enhance collaborative research capacity.

2. PRIORITY THEME PANELS

Priority themes are listed below:

- Panel A: Health and Well-being
 - o Sub-themes: Mental Health, Health Literacy, Health advocacy for funding, equity and access to services
- Panel B: Climate and Society
 - o Sub-themes: Climate change (impact on indigenous eco-system & its adaptation, Innovation, Resilient Growth – on rural and urban
- Panel C: Pedagogy and Learning
 - o Sub-themes: English literacy, Leadership, Learner Autonomy, public private partnership
- Panel D: Arts in Action
 - o Sub-themes: Performance and Resilience, Culture and Trust-Building





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In all our above themes, key principles are: interdisciplinarity, impact and sustainability.

3. MEMBERSHIP, GOVERNANCE

i. Membership

The following are our RFPI Partners:

- i. English Speaking Union of Pakistan (ESUP)
- ii. Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)
- iii. Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS)
- iv. National Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA)
- v. Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST)
- vi. Institute of Business Administration (IBA)
- vii. Interactive Research Development (IRD)
- viii. Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (PIIA)
- ix. Institute of Business Management (IoBM)
- x. Sindh Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA)

It has been agreed in the launch that expressions of interest in joining RFPI may be communicated to the Secretariat or solicited by at least two RFPI member institutions through the Steering Group.

ii. Governance

It is appropriate that the strong focus on partnership be reflected in RFPI governance. With this ethos in mind, the following governance structures are proposed:

a. RFPI Steering Group: 1 representative and 1 alternate per member. Chair and Vice-Chairs (2) to rotate on an annual basis. Meeting schedule: quarterly.

b. Industry Contact Group (Sindh and UK): 4 representatives. Meeting schedule: biannual.

c. Secretariat: 3 members by nomination. Meeting schedule: ad hoc, but at least quarterly.

4. DIALOGUE WITH INDUSTRY

RFPI partners are keen to work with the corporate sector and philanthropic groups and supporters who commit to work with us to co-create the programmes, develop work streams to achieve lasting impact for the greater good.



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Event

Sulaiman Shahabuddin President, Aga Khan University Hospital

The Aga Khan University, a premiere healthcare institute in Karachi and for that matter of Pakistan, President Sulaiman Shahabuddin was invited to address ESUP membership. Almost all guests attending the event including those from diplomatic corps had already visited the facilities in their health care pursuits. Welcoming the chief guest, Kalim Farooqui, President ESUP narrated the history of the establishment since he was associated with the founding members and being in business related to healthcare. Narrating the issues related to health care, he touched upon the subject of Climate change which now has a direct correlation to health related issues particularly in Pakistan. The recent flooding in Pakistan resulted in one third of the country under water and affecting a major part of the rural population where health care facilities are dismal. He emphasized upon the need to develop a system whereby spread of diseases can be prevented by initiating programs to create awareness amongst the masses.





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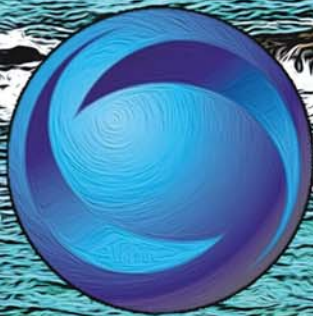
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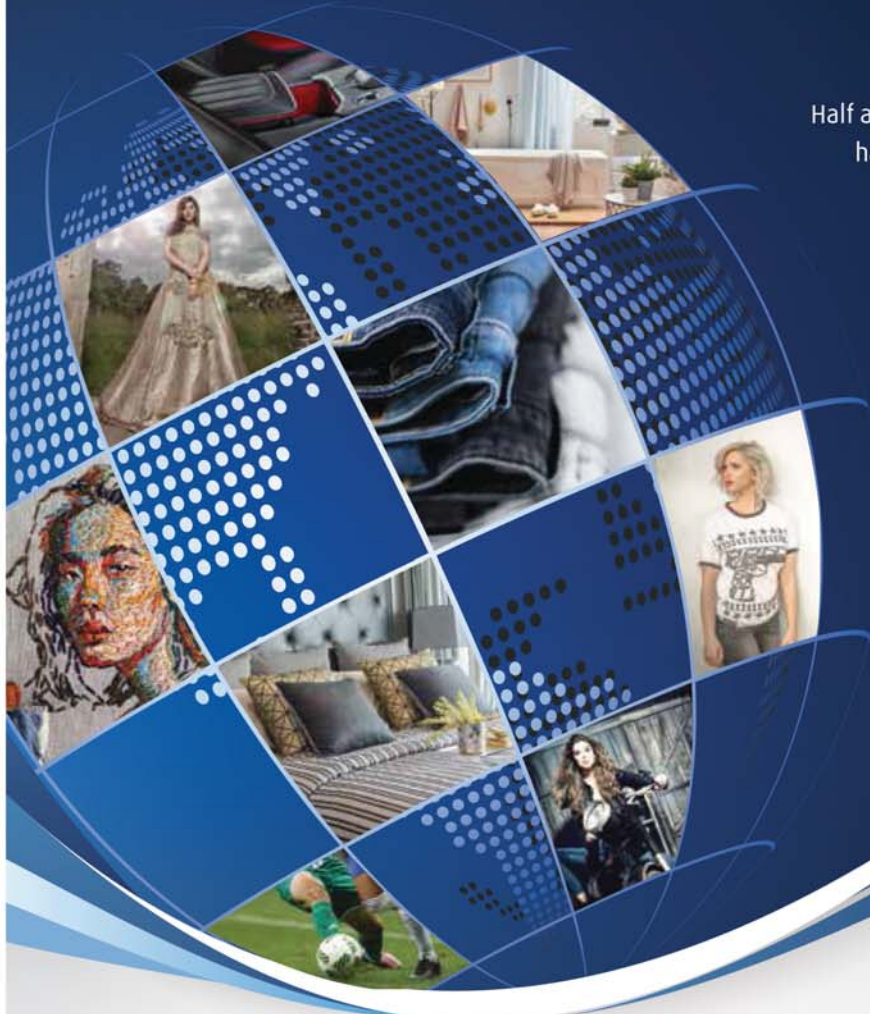
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Event

Mushahid Hussain Chairman, Senate Defence Committee

Senator Mushahid Hussain an elected Senator and currently Chairman, Senate Defence Committee was invited to address the English Speaking Union of Pakistan. The title given to him was “Pakistan and Changing Regional Scenario Challenges and Opportunities”. His address at ESUP was for the second time on yet another important subject; a first in the history of ESUP.

Referring to the topic given, he started by quoting the statements given by different world leaders. President Biden on Oct 12 said ‘this is going to be decisive decade’. President Putin on Oct 27 said, ‘this is the most dangerous decade after the Second World War’, after which came the statement of President Xi Jinping referring to ‘once in a century changes’. He further mentioned about an article appearing in Foreign Affairs by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz where he talked about a ‘historic turning point’. While talking on the subject, his main focus was on the transformation on foreign policy of Pakistan (post Afghanistan). He elaborated upon the transformation taking place in the politics of the international arena which has created turbulence and as such pointed towards the very historic period. His talk was followed by an interesting question and answer session to which he responded firmly.





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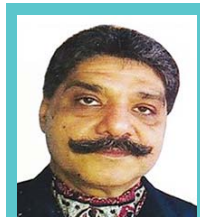
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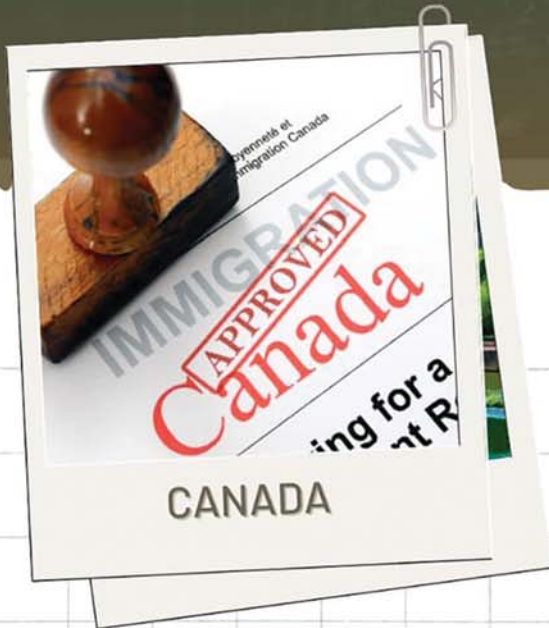


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